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**SWORD OF TRUTH,**

SHEWING THE  
**FALL OF THE GREAT ORGANIZATION WITH ITS MEDIUM**

THROUGH HIS  
DISOBEDIENCE TO THE DIVINE COMMANDS GIVEN UNTO HIM;

ALSO SHOWING HOW IN DIVINE REVELATION, HE HAD FORETOLD HIS OWN  
FALL WITH THE FALL OF THE CAUSE OF WHICH HE WAS THE  
LEADER APPOINTED BY HEAVEN TO LEAD IT ON TO THE END,  
AND PREPARE THE PEOPLE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF  
THE CHURCH OF CHRIST.

**A PORTION OF THE SAID WORK**

IS DEVOTED TO SHEWING HOW THE PREDICTED  
**UNIVERSAL CHURCH WAS BEING ESTABLISHED,**

EXPLAINING ITS DOCTRINES AND PRECEPTS,

WITH THE GIFTS BESTOWED UPON THE MINISTERS AND MESSENGERS  
OF THE SAID CHURCH, AND HOW THE LEADER WAS RAISED UP BY  
GOD FOR THE PURPOSE OF LEADING THE ARMIES OF ZION  
TO THE END POURTRAYED IN FORMER REVELATIONS.

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## P R E F A C E.

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BRETHREN OF THE GREAT HUMAN FAMILY,—In sending this work before the world much curiosity will, no doubt, be excited. Its title pourtrays that its pages contain truth. Much that has been written has proved itself truth, and the remaining portion will as time rolls on. It is written, in many cases in mysterious language to those who have not been members of the Great Organization, which is now broken and dispersed, not by any earthly Power, but by a spiritual Power. That Power has guided and directed its pages, and also dictated it, so that I, as its chief instrument in writing its pages, declare before God that the things therein are not mine, but given from on High, so that no man can take to himself any praise, or any human being on earth can say that he is its author. Its mottos were given from on High, and truly it has been a "Sword of Truth" overthrowing error and delusion, and the fire of God's wrath, as pourtrayed, has consumed the evils for which the work was sent forth, so that there is not a vestige left. The cause has ceased to be; its works are scattered to the winds, its institutions overthrown, its oppressive laws, formed by man, are trampled under foot, and thus the words of the Lord are being realized; and though man has been the instrument, yet the Power is not earthly which has done it, for its most minute details were guided by spiritual Power, appointed to watch over its progress, and guide it in every way; hence its successful issue by a few people chosen for the purpose to battle against the high and mighty, and thus overthrow that cause which had become great in the eyes and minds of men, but now levelled with the dust, and out of its ruins have arisen the Universal Church, which is destined to exist to the end of all evils, and while time and God exists, which will erase every evil from the earth, and establish universal liberty and love in all the nations of the earth; and these people shall be hereafter called the Twelve Tribes of Israel, as they become gathered out of the different nations of the earth, and these shall be God's chosen people, or elect, gathered out of all nations; and it is His will that all become His elect by obeying the commands given from Heaven, for such only will be the elect or chosen gathered together during the wain of the present dispensation and the establishing the new era in the morals of mankind, which will be called the Mellenian era, not because of its duration, being for a thousand years, but it must endure for ever, as Christ's kingdom will be an everlasting kingdom, world without end.

Yours obediently

T. C. STRETTON.

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